

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL
COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Locus Map



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Organization: Hanson Historical Commission

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form
Number

32-0-37-0

Hanover

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Town/City: Hanson

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Address: 108 Pleasant Street

Historic Name: William and Harriet Derry
House

Uses: Present: Single-Family
Residential
Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1841

Source: White's History, Plan 8 No. 23 Page
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Style/Form: Cape

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Clapboard/Vinyl

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

None visible to the street

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Mid-late
twentieth century attached garage and additions
to west façade of house and rear deck with
attached above ground pool

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ **yes** ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 1.00 Acres

Setting: Located on a quieter roadway
characterized by single family homes on large,
open residential lot which connects Main Street to
the Monponsett area at the south end of Hanson

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half story Cape style house has an asphalt shingled gable roof with a narrow corbeled brick chimney at the center of the roof ridge. The house sits relatively close to the road on an open lot with mature trees and vegetation to the west and has a low cross-gable addition at the center of the west façade that connects the house to a long, low, saltbox style garage addition to the west and south of the house. The house is vinyl clapboard sided with vinyl trim and six-over-six double hung vinyl replacement windows. The roof of the house extends just beyond the gable façades and any original trim or detailing has been removed or encased in vinyl. The roof has a more pronounced overhang on the gable-end facades, with squared off, vinyl clad eaves and soffits. The windows on the east and south façades are all surrounded at least in part by vinyl shutters installed on the siding surrounding the window frames.

The house faces east towards the street and has a symmetrical front facade with two windows to either side of the center entrance. The door is framed by narrow sidelights on each side with four glass panes over a tall wood panel below. A metal storm door covers a metal or fiberglass replacement door with a large decorative window at its center. The door opens onto a cement landing with a walkway leading south to the driveway. The north and south gable-ends of the house are nearly identical. On the south façade, the gable end has a single window over two windows to either side of the first floor façade. The north façade is the same with the exception of the northwest window, which is smaller than the rest of the windows on the house. The corners of a shed dormer on the west roof slope are also visible around the corners of the north and south façade.

A gable roofed addition extends out from the center of the west façade. On the south façade, the addition has been extended under a long shed style roof. A set of three double hung windows run long the south façade of the house with a single door barely visible in the corner of the building to the right. The saltbox style roof of the garage has a short, steep east slope with a longer western slope. It begins in the northwest corner of the shed roofed addition and extends south well past the house. This structure also has a low shed roofed addition to its west façade. A single window is located at the west end of the south façade. The east façade of the garage has a large, flat overhead door at its southern end and a second, smaller square garage opening located close to the shed roofed addition and behind a small patio area adjacent to the south façade of the house. A wide asphalt paved driveway extends along the south side of the house to the garage. On the opposite corner of the building, an open wood deck on the west façade extends past the northwest corner of the house to an aboveground pool.

The house is located on an open, flat lot with hedges and pushes along its north and south property lines. Dense evergreen bushes run along the east façade and north facades of the building and a small planting bed is located along the south façade next to the porch. A large parking area is located along the southern edge of the driveway.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Continuation sheet 3

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According to White's History of Hanson, the house was originally built for William Derry (also Darry and Dary), grandfather of Waldo E. Hill on his mother's side, prior to 1840. The 1830 Smith Plan shows that there were no houses built between Seth Briggs house to the south and Main Street to the north at that time, suggesting that it was built fairly close to 1840. In addition, deed research shows that William Derry purchased a piece of woodlands in Hanson from Joshua Smith in 1841 with no buildings noted on it.¹ While the exact location of the three acre parcel is hard to pinpoint, the deed references the cedar swamp to the west of the land, which would place the site near the location of the current house. William Derry (1810-1846) was born in Norton, MA and married Hannah Munroe in Hanson in 1831. He worked as a farmer and after his death passed the property to his daughter, Harriet L. Derry Hill (1835-1899). Harriett had married Lorenzo Hill (1833-1900) in Hanson in 1850. Lorenzo was a shoemaker according to the 1855 through 1870 state and federal censuses. The couple initially moved into the Derry family homestead with the widowed Harriett Derry, who is shown as the owner of the house on the 1856 Walling Map. The Hills continued to live there for the rest of their married life, with "L.F. Hill" listed as the owner of the property on the 1879 Walker Atlas. Their children, including the Waldo Hill mentioned in White's History, inherited the property after Harriet's death and sold it in 1901 to Joseph Poole, although the 1903 Richard Atlas lists the house as belonging to a William Poole.² Either the Hills or Poole divided the property at this time into two lots, with the one including the old homestead sold to George A. Hammond in 1905 and then to Phineas Goodwin in 1909.³

Phineas Goodwin(b. 1869) had immigrated from English Canada in 1890 and was later followed by his wife, Eliza, and their seven children. The family appears to have moved to Hanson at around the same time that they purchased this house, and Phineas worked as a sawyer for a box company. In 1918, the family moved from Hanson to Brockton and sold the house to Frederico and Antonia DeMinico (also Dominico).⁴ Fred DeMinico (b. 1886) immigrated from Naples, Italy, in 1900 and worked for the reflector factory, first as a washer and later in the pickling room. White notes that a Sabato Dominico had also lived here during this period.

In 1932, the DeMinico's moved down the street and sold the house at 108 Pleasant Street to Arthur R. and Dorothy D. Lurvey.⁵ The family and their seven children had moved to Hanson from Lynn and Arthur initially worked as a grocery salesman before becoming a stock keeper at a paint warehouse sometime before the 1940 U.S. Census. The Lurveys remained in the house until 1962, when it was sold to Melly S. and Richard E. Eaton of East Bridgewater.⁶ Melly DeMinico Eaton was the daughter of Sabato DeMinico and the granddaughter of Frederico and Antonia DeMinico. The couple had married in 1959 and Melly continued to live in the house after Richard's death in 1989. Their son, Timothy Eaton, purchased the house in 2003 along with his wife, Marcy Edge Eaton, and continues to own the property today.

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¹ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 202, Page 104

² Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 820, Page 177

³ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 910, Page 218

⁴ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1302, Page 212

⁵ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1626, Page 595

⁶ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 2936, Page 397

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